--- 1/8th Pound - “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby ---

The first and only appearance of the ***letter coded*** 1/8th pound Series “C” stamp **RN-36** occurs after the 1947 legislation had abolished the necessity of printing the *excise tax* on tobacco stamps, in May 1951. The hidden letters on **RN-36** are (K-D)

RN-36 - 1/8th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / BDB** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in May 1951

[RN-36]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1951	---	---	---	---	**BDB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

In 1951 Imperial Tobacco changed their long standing three letter date coding, and adopted a three digit code. Based on the cigarette cancellations from Imperial Tobacco, I think this new code initially reads weekly, changing to semi-monthly (from October 1952 until April 1954), and thence again reading as four per month until the two-digit monthly codes begin in June 1956. A collection purchased many years ago, stated that the numbers **129-130** and **134-138** were not used due to a plant strike, and that the numbers **148-199** were omitted when production re-started.

RN-36 - 1/8th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / 124** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in July 1951

[M-549]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1951	---	---	---	---	---	---	**124**	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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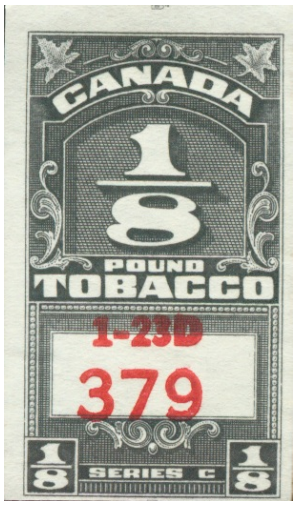
With the plant strike settled , production finally resumed in January 1952.



RN-36 - 1/8th pound, perforated 11, coded **1-23D / 211** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in March 1952

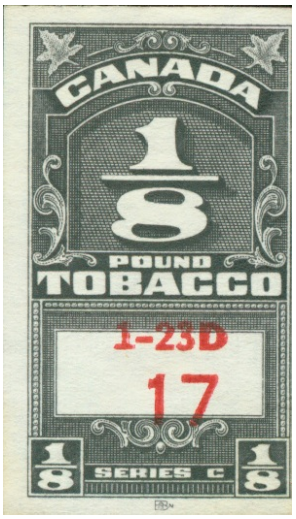
RN-37 - 1/8th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23D / 379** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in June 1956

[RN-36]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1952	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	**218**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	**211**	---	---	---	---	---	---			
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
1953	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1954	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**292**	**296**	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	**290**	---	**298**	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	**287**	---	**295**	**299**	---	---	---	---	---
1955	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**336**	**340**	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	**318**	**322**	---	---	---	---	---	**345**	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	**331**	---	---	---	---	---	---
1956	---	---	---	---	**372**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	**377**	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	**379**	---	---	---	---	---	---

372 and **377** are copies of the perforated stamp **RN-36**, while **379** is the imperforate **RN-37**.

--- The *imperforate* 1/8th pound stamp coded 1-23D ---

Use of the *imperforate* 1/8th pound stamp began in mid-1956. In the following section, there are two varieties of the company code. The initial 2½ mm. Gothic cancellation running from **11** to **99** is **1-23D**, while the later 3 mm. Courier cancellation running from the re-start in 1963 at **11** to the finally listed **79** is 1–23D in May 1969.



--- imperforate - reading 1-23D ---

[RN-37]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	---
1957	---	---	21	---	---	---	---	---	---	28	---	---
1958	31	---	33	34	---	36	---	38	---	---	---	---
1959	---	---	---	46	---	---	---	---	---	---	53	---
1960	---	---	57	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1961	67	68	---	---	---	72	---	---	---	---	---	---
1962	---	---	---	---	---	84	---	---	---	---	---	---
1963	91	92	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- imperforate - now reading 23D-1 ---

[RN-37]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- perforated 11 - reading 1-23D ---

[RN-36]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1957	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958	---	---	---	---	---	---	37	---	---	---	---	---

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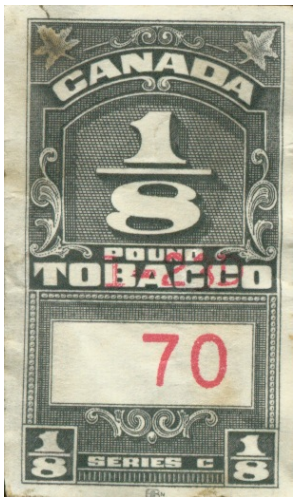

[RN-37]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1958	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**35**	---	---	---
1959	---	---	---	---	---	---	**45**	---	---	**48**	**49**	---
1960	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**70**	---	---	---	---
1962	---	---	---	**78**	**79**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Note the following:

13 has been omitted - this seems to occur on all of the numbered “Imperial Tobacco” stamps
Upon reaching 99 the sequence re-starts at 11
The company code reverses to read **23D-1** for **23**
There was no 1/8th pound new-design ***blue denomination*** Series “C” stamp.
Although the new-design ***black denomination*** stamp exists, I have only seen copies that were used by Import Licensees.

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